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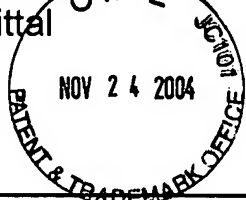
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Filing Date	September 26, 2003
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Art Unit	2819
Examiner Name	J. Lauture
Attorney Docket Number	1941/157

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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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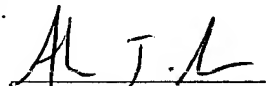
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Appln. No.:	10/672,927	Filing Date:	September 26, 2003
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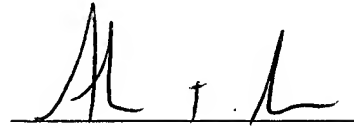
The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed September 14, 2004, and file the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order for the Examiner to consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), which is also attached herewith. Applicant notes that the majority of references contained in the attached IDS were submitted in a separate IDS filed October 22, 2004, which has yet to be received by the Examiner. To ensure consideration of the references submitted in the IDS dated October 22, 2004, Applicant has included these references in the attached IDS.

Upon consideration of the IDS, the Applicants request allowance of the pending claims. Please pay the fee of filing the RCE, and any additional fees required for timely consideration of this application, from deposit account number 19-4972. The Examiner

is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

DATE: November 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. Smolenski, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

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